

In the Claims

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1 (Currently amended). A cladding apparatus for covering ~~the~~ a junction between a roof and a fascia of a building, wherein said apparatus comprises:

an elongated body member having an inner surface and an outer surface, each surface extending between opposed ends and opposed elongate side edges of the body member;

a mounting batten ~~associated with~~ secured to said fascia and adapted to engage at least one complementary mounting portion provided on said inner surface;

complementary inter-engaging means provided on respective said opposed ends and permitting substantially weatherproof engagement between adjacent body members when laid in longitudinal sequence.

2 (Currently amended). The cladding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the body member portion overlying said roof is adapted to impede ~~the~~ ingress of weather under said body member in use.

3 (Currently amended). The cladding apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said body member portion overlying said roof impedes ~~the~~ ingress of weather under said body member by means of a flange dependent toward said roof from, and extending along, said elongate edge.

4 (Previously presented). The cladding apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said roof is provided with an elongate roof batten sealingly supported on said roof, said roof batten including an upper surface against which the inner surface of said body member bears in use.

5 (Previously presented). The cladding apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said flange in use has its lower edge clear of said roof, so as not to interfere with intimate contact of said upper and inner surfaces.

6 (Previously presented). The cladding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said mounting portion and mounting batten are provided with complementary profiles permitting snap-in connection therebetween.

7 (Previously presented). The cladding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said mounting portion and mounting batten are provided with complementary profiles permitting connection therebetween by longitudinally sliding said mounting portion on said mounting batten.

8 (Previously presented). The cladding apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said mounting portion and mounting batten are substantially continuous along their respective lengths, whereby said body members are sequentially installed by sliding from one end of said mounting batten.

9 (Previously presented). The cladding apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said mounting portion and mounting batten are complementarily interrupted whereby said body member is installed by offering up said body member to said batten intermediate its ends and sliding said body member into engagement with said batten.

10 (Previously presented). The cladding apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said complementary profiles comprise a longitudinal bolt and track pair.

11 (Previously presented). The cladding apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said longitudinal edge adjacent said mounting portion includes a flange dependent toward said cladding from, and extending along, said elongate edge, to substantially conceal said mounting batten in use.

12 (Currently amended). The cladding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said complementary inter-engaging means provided on respective said opposed ends comprise a formation of an overlapping skirt portion on one said end and a formation of an underlying skirt portion on the other said end.

13 (Previously presented). The cladding apparatus according to claim 12, wherein mating faces of said overlapping skirt portion and said underlying skirt portion are provided with complementary surfaces features cooperating in use to form a weather impeding labyrinth.

14 (Currently amended). A cladding apparatus for covering ~~the~~ a junction between a roof and a fascia, wherein said apparatus comprises:

an elongated body member having an inner surface and an outer surface, each surface extending between opposed ends and opposed elongate side edges of the body member, a body member portion overlying said roof having a flange dependent toward said roof from, and extending along, said elongate edge, said opposed ends respectively comprising a formation of an overlapping skirt portion on one said end and a formation of an underlying skirt portion on the other said end permitting substantially weatherproof engagement between adjacent body members when laid in longitudinal sequence;

an elongate roof batten sealingly supported on said roof, said roof batten including an upper surface against which the inner surface of said body member bears in use, one or both of said inner surface and upper surface being provided with one or more elongate grooves forming, in use, a moisture-excluding labyrinth between said inner surface and said upper surface;

a mounting batten ~~associated with~~ secured to said fascia and adapted to engage at least one complementary mounting portion provided on said inner surface, said mounting portion and mounting batten being substantially continuous along their respective lengths and provided with complementary profiles permitting connection therebetween by longitudinally sliding said mounting portion on said mounting batten by sliding from one end of said mounting batten.

15 (Currently amended). The cladding member according to claim 1, wherein adjacent cladding portions of said roof and said fascia form intersecting planes and wherein the body member comprises a pair of webs each adapted to overlies a respective said cladding portion in use, said webs being separated by a curved portion adapted to overlies said junction.

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18 (Previously presented). The cladding member according to claim 14, wherein adjacent cladding portions of said roof and said fascia lie in respective intersecting planes and wherein the body member comprises a pair of webs each adapted to overlies a respective said cladding portion in use, said webs being joined by a curved portion adapted to overlies the junction of said intersecting planes.

19 (Previously presented). The cladding apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said roof comprises a shingle laid roof, said roof batten having a profile selected to conform to said shingle laid roof.

20 (Previously presented). The cladding apparatus according to claim 4, wherein one or both of said inner surface and upper surface are provided with one or more elongate grooves forming, in use, a moisture-excluding labyrinth between said inner surface and said upper surface.